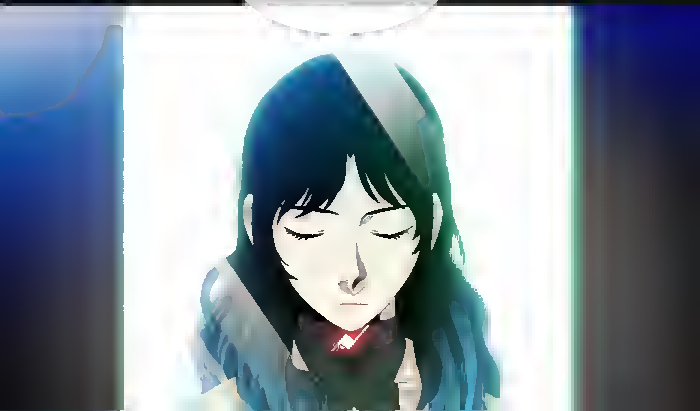
IT'S TIME TO WAKE UP...

WHALE.



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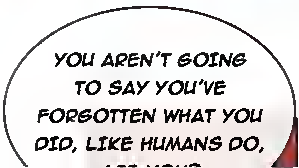
SO YOU INTERCEPTED OUR PLAN AND AMIDST THE CHAOS, YOU ACTED.
CONSIDERING YOU WERE IN HIDING THESE PAST 10 YEARS, YOU LOOK WELL

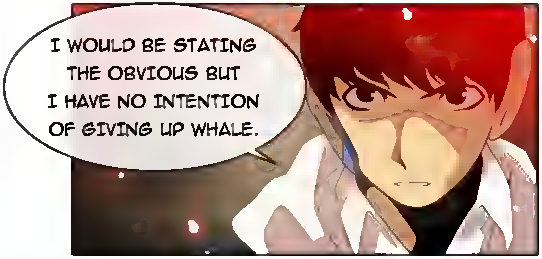
DO I?
THANKS TO YOU, IT WASN'T ALL FUN.

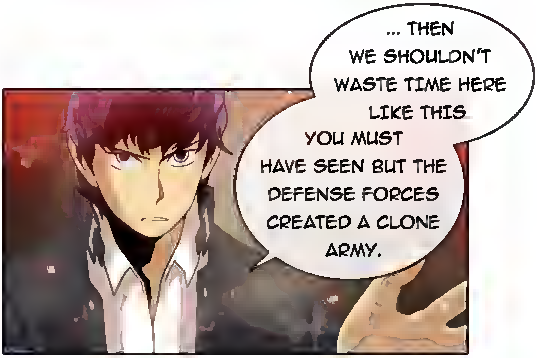

YOU AREN'T GOING TO SAY YOU'VE FORGOTTEN WHAT YOU DID, LIKE HUMANS DO,

ARE YOU?

...OF COURSE I REMEMBER

SO WHAT HAPPENS NOW
ARE YOU GOING TO TRY TO TAKE US DOWN AND GET TO WHALE?

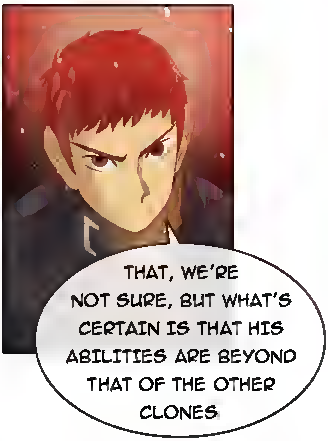

I WOULD BE STATING THE OBVIOUS BUT I HAVE NO INTENTION OF GIVING UP WHALE.


... THEN WE SHOULDN'T WASTE TIME HERE LIKE THIS
YOU MUST HAVE SEEN BUT THE DEFENSE FORCES CREATED A CLONE ARMY.

AND THEIR LEADER, ALIDORO, HAS ALREADY GONE INSIDE.

HE'S PROBABLY ALREADY REACHED WHALE

ALIDORO...?
IS HE A CLONE, TOO?


THAT, WE'RE NOT SURE, BUT WHAT'S CERTAIN IS THAT HIS ABILITIES ARE BEYOND THAT OF THE OTHER CLONES

COLODI, I KNOW IT'S NOT LIKE WE'VE AGREED TO COOPERATE

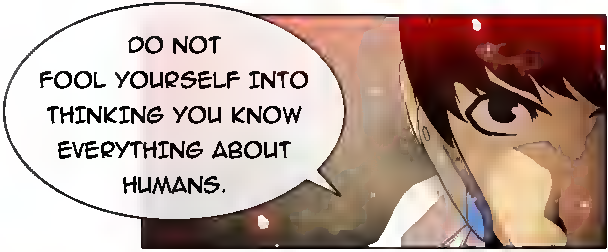
BUT WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY USING EACH OTHER.

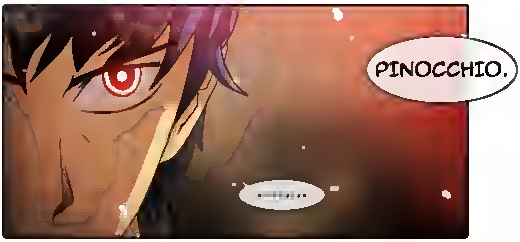
LET'S KEEP IT UP JUST A WHILE LONGER
AT LEAST UNTIL WE SEE WHALE FOR OURSELVES

FINE

.....
HM. I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D AGREE SO EASILY.
IF WE ENDED UP CONFRONTING THE DEFENCE FORCES WHILE WE SHARE THE SAME GOAL,
I WAS ACTUALLY GOING TO SUGGEST IT MYSELF.
...WOW. SUCH THOUGHTS ENTERED YOUR MIND, EVEN WHEN IT WAS US WHO HAD YOUR FATHER KILLED AND ATTEMPTED TO KILL YOU AS WELL?

NO AVERAGE HUMAN WOULD EVER THINK SUCH A THING...


DO NOT FOOL YOURSELF INTO THINKING YOU KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT HUMANS.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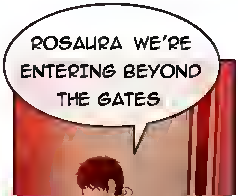
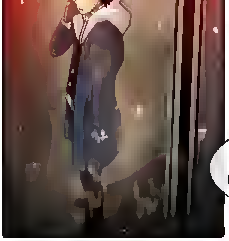
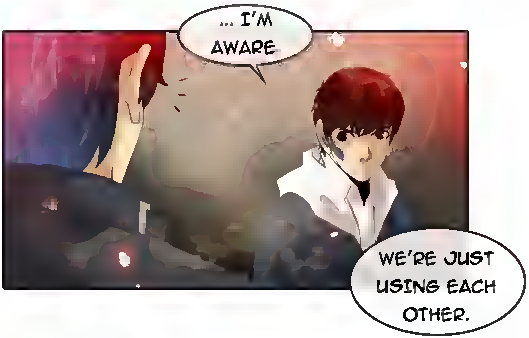

ROSAURA WE'RE ENTERING BEYOND THE GATES



... COLODI, DON'T FORGET.
HE WILL NOT HESITATE TO BETRAY US IF HE FEELS HE NEEDS TO.


... I'M AWARE.
WE'RE JUST USING EACH OTHER.

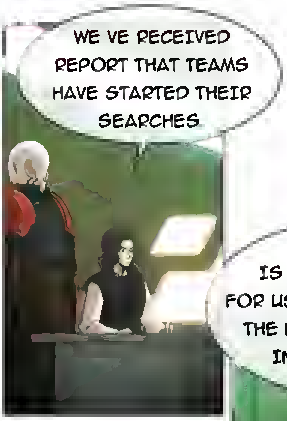
ROSAURA... ALTHOUGH

SHE ABANDONED US, SHE SEEMS TO HAVE NO PROBLEM HELPING THEM OUT.
Hmm...

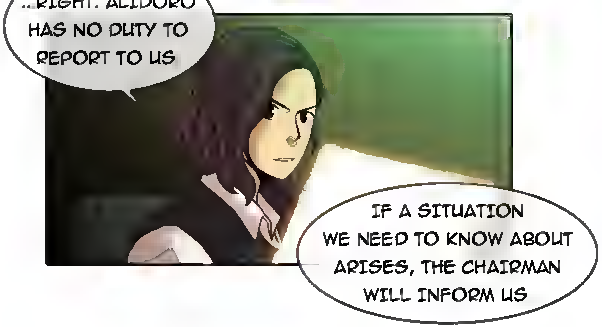
AWOL, YOUR SUPPORT PLEASE.
PLEASE CHECK AS FREQUENTLY AS POSSIBLE, THE STATUS OF THE OTHERS.

GOT IT, LEADER.

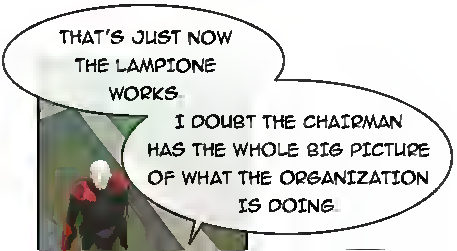
THUNK THUNK


WE VE RECEIVED REPORT THAT TEAMS HAVE STARTED THEIR SEARCHES

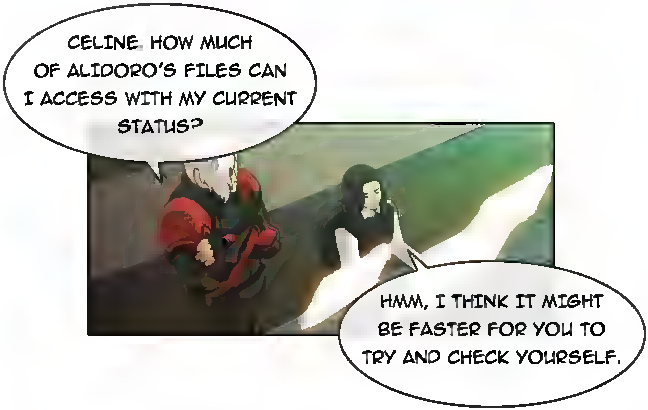
IS THERE NO WAY FOR US TO KNOW ABOUT THE ENTRY ATTEMPTS INTO THE LAB?


...RIGHT. ALIDORO HAS NO DUTY TO REPORT TO US
IF A SITUATION WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ARISES, THE CHAIRMAN WILL INFORM US

HOW IS IT THAT THE REPORTS ARE INDEPENDENT, WHEN WE'RE MOVING AROUND AT THE SAME LOCATION?
THIS MAKES NO SENSE.
GRANTING ALIDORO THAT KIND OF AUTHORITY WAS THE FIRST MISTAKE...

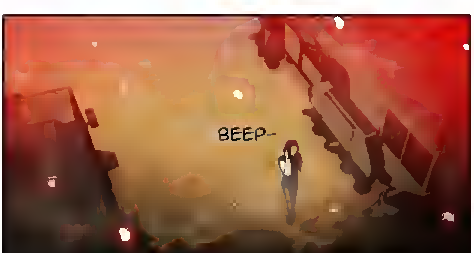

THAT'S JUST NOW THE LAMPIONE WORKS.
I DOUBT THE CHAIRMAN HAS THE WHOLE BIG PICTURE OF WHAT THE ORGANIZATION IS DOING.

IF ANYONE DOES, IT'LL BE MR ANTONIO.


CELINE. HOW MUCH OF ALIDORO'S FILES CAN I ACCESS WITH MY CURRENT STATUS?
HMM, I THINK IT MIGHT BE FASTER FOR YOU TO TRY AND CHECK YOURSELF.

I'M GOING TO THE TEMPORARY COMMAND POST FOR A BIT, SO WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A LOOK?

CREAK-


BEEP-

... CHAIRMAN, IT'S CELINE
NERO HAS BEGUN BEING SUSPICIOUS OF ALIDORO.
DIDN'T I SAY?
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS TO HAVE THESE TWO IN THE SAME AREA
...IF ALIDORO IS INSIDE THE LAB, AND NERO REMAINS OUTSIDE, THEN THEY WON'T CROSS PATHS

WHY ARE YOU SO WORRIED?
IF HE FINDS OUT ABOUT WHAT THE LAMPIONE INSTITUTION DID...
AND WHAT IF HE CAN'T HANDLE THAT TRUTH...!
LIKE OTHER EXPERIMENTS BEFORE NERO,
HE MAY... LOSE HIMSELF.

THAT'S WHY YOU'RE THERE BY NERO TO PREVENT IT FROM HAPPENING.
..SORRY?
I KNOW THAT WHAT YOU'RE FEARING ISN'T NERO FINDING OUT ABOUT WHAT THE INSTITUTION'S DONE.
YOU'RE SCARED HE'LL DISCOVER WHAT YOU DID.
WE HAVE NO USE FOR GUILT RIGHT NOW, CELINE.
BE ON YOUR

GUARD.

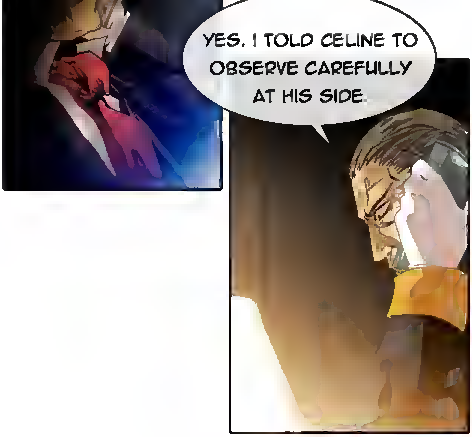
NERO IS ALSO AN IMPORTANT GUINEA PIG.

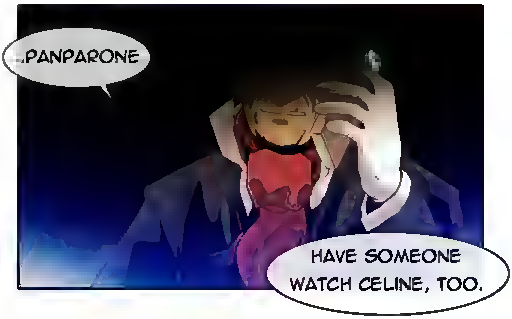
BEEP-

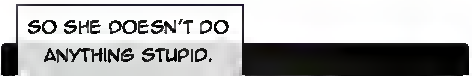
... SORRY MR ANTONIO, SIR

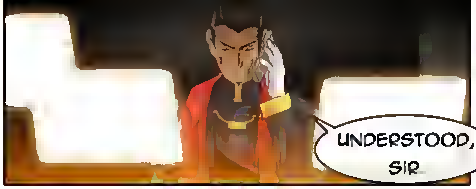
I JUST GOT A REPORT FROM CELINE...

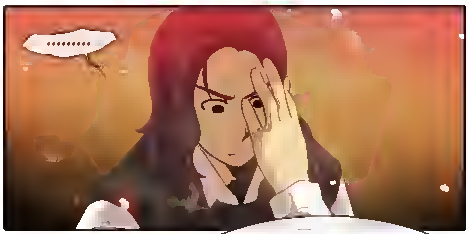
IS NERO CURIOUS ABOUT ALIDORO?


YES. I TOLD CELINE TO OBSERVE CAREFULLY AT HIS SIDE.

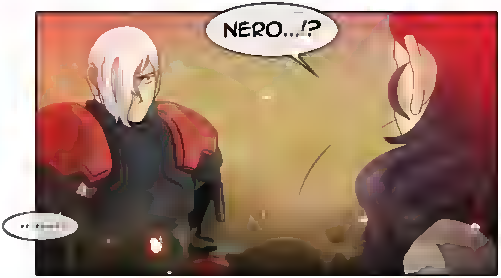

..PANPARONE
HAVE SOMEONE WATCH CELINE, TOO.

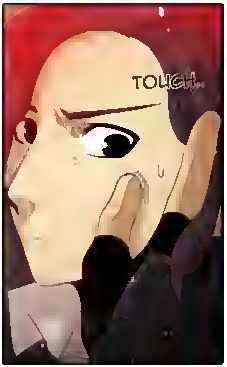

SO SHE DOESN'T DO ANYTHING STUPID.





... THIS IS NOT THE TEMPORARY COMMAND CENTER, CELINE


NERO...!?


TOUCH...

...TELL

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